ACTION ALERT!
May 6, 2019

LWV members are encouraged to personally communicate, as individual voters (not as LWV members), with their legislators on the various legislative bills. Previous issues of the Legislative Bulletin can be found at this link: https://lwvmissouri.org/legislative-bulletin/

This is a message from Missouri Faith Voices and Clean Missouri:

The Senate Rules committee will hear HJR48 Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. We need to pack the hearing room and show committee members that voters are watching and want their vote on Amendment 1 respected.

- Can you be on call to show up on Tuesday in Jefferson City? Sign up on our rapid responder list here and Missouri Faith Voices will follow-up with detail as soon as they are confirmed.

- Democratic and Republican senators need to hear from their constituents. We can win this fight with a bipartisan coalition of voters and senators who are able to keep any gerrymandering proposals from being jammed through the senate. https://www.cleanmissouri.org/act-now

- Here is a list of the committee members: https://www.senate.mo.gov/rjrr/

INFORMATION ABOUT CLEAN MISSOURI AND ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

The House gave final approval to HCS/HJRs 48, 46 & 47 (Plocher) on April 29 by a vote of 104-49. The measure is about to be taken up in the Senate for further consideration. The HCS would significantly undermine the newly approved legislative redistricting reforms approved by voters in Constitutional Amendment 1, also known as CLEAN Missouri. If approved by voters, the HCS would eliminate the nonpartisan state demographer and move partisan fairness and competitiveness to the lowest priority in the redistricting process. The House also added language that may shift the basis of redistricting away from total population, as is currently the practice in all 50 states.

Amendment 1 was approved with 62 percent of the vote on Nov. 6, winning a majority in every state senate district. The League opposes HJR48 which would make it even easier to gerrymander legislative districts after the 2020 Census. We want our elected officials to respect the people of Missouri and not undermine this effort to clean up Missouri politics.